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Bad Voeslau Airfield and Military Post

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DATE PREPARED 1 March 1954

REFERENCES

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. Between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 29 January 1954, 2 aircraft, presumably of type Boston A 20, and 1 Li-2 were observed at Bad Voeslau (O 48/X 36) airfield. There was no flying. There was a closed ceiling at an altitude of 800 to 1,000 meters, easterly wind at 5 km/h; good visibility for 500 meters, then fog and a temperature of minus 15° Celsius. Personnel were observed near the Boston A 20 aircraft. The PKV-45 D/F station and the two antenna masts with cone-shaped bracings were observed at their previous locations.

2. There was no personnel traffic at Gainfarn Castle in Bad Voeslau military post. A sentry in fur clothing was observed in the yard of the installation. The Gainfarn komendatura was unoccupied and unguarded. The Theresienhof at No 25 on Hoch Strasse was closed and no personnel were observed there. Two majors with blue service color entered building No 1 on Hoch Strasse. Six officers with blue service color entered and left building No 12 on Wiener Neustaedter Strasse. Voeslau Castle was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. A signal truck was parked in the yard of the installation, [REDACTED] All signal communication lines of the town area terminated at the castle apparently since the date when the Soviet troops had vacated building No 13 on Bahnhof Strasse. Soviet civilians were quartered in building No 3 on Bahnhof Strasse. The komendatura had apparently been vacated. Building No 13 on Bahnhof Strasse was unoccupied. The windows had been unhinged. No traces were observed in the snow near the installation indicating personnel or vehicular traffic.

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[REDACTED] Building No 14 on Bahnhof Strasse was frequented by soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Buildings Nos 26 and 28 on Bahnhof Strasse were unoccupied. Building No 41 on Bahnhof Strasse was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Many gasoline drums were observed in the yard of the installation. A Stalin-type tractor was parked in front of the entrance. A tank truck entered the yard coming from the direction of the airfield.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Voeslau airfield is occupied by some transport aircraft and possibly by liaison aircraft the subordination of which cannot be determined.

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